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(*d*) what action was taken in consequence of his report; and

(*e*) whether any representation has been made to the Surgeon-General that the present District Medical Officer is prejudiced in favour of the doctor and if so, whether any steps have been taken to institute any further enquiry by any other impartial officer?

*A.*—(*a*) Yes. A mahazar containing some allegations against the Civil Assistant Surgeon, Government Hospital, Srivilliputtur, was received by the Surgeon-General.

(*b*) & (*c*) An enquiry was conducted by the District Medical Officer, Ramnad, and nothing irregular was found against the Civil Assistant Surgeon.

(*d*) The papers were recorded.

(*e*) No.

Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi:—" The reasons for asking the District Medical Officer, Ramnad, to make the enquiry are not given in the answer. The question states that this particular officer is prejudiced in favour of the doctor. May I know the reason for this, Sir? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I do not think we can start with the presumption that the head of the administration in the district is prejudiced in favour of any particular individual."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—" May I know whether it was an open enquiry and whether the signatories to the petition were asked to be present at the time of the enquiry? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" Certain signatories to the mahazar were also examined."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I know the nature of the allegations contained in the mahazar? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" That the medical officer was not attending to the patients properly, he was not sufficiently courteous to the patients, and allegations of that kind."

Mr. G. R. Premayya:—" Was there any difficulty in such an examination being conducted by the Collector of the district? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I don't think it is at all necessary."

*Vacancy remaining unfilled in the Queen Alexandra Hospital for Women, Salem.*

* 589 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Superintendent or Lady Assistant Surgeon's post in the Queen Alexandra Hospital for Women at Salem is left unfilled for about the last two months; and

(*b*) if so, what the reasons therefor are, and when it is likely to be filled?

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*A.*—(*a*) The vacancy arose from the 29th July 1935.

(*b*) The Woman Assistant Surgeon attached to the Queen Alexandra Hospital for Women, Salem, had to be transferred from the place as her services were required elsewhere. As the cadre of the Women Assistant Surgeon was at the time short no substitute could immediately be posted to Salem. The necessary arrangements have since been made and a substitute posted to Salem.

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—"In the answer it is stated that the vacancy has since been filled up. May I know on what date it was filled up and for what period it was kept vacant?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"As my hon. Friend will see from the answer, the vacancy arose in July 1935; and in November 1935 it was filled up."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—"The answer states that the Woman Assistant Surgeon attached to the Queen Alexandra Hospital had to be transferred from Salem as her services were required elsewhere. May I know to what station she was transferred and if that station is more important than Salem?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"Because Government considered that that place was more important, she was transferred."

*Measures for the better equipment of the Tuberculosis Hospital.*

* 590 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state the steps the Government have taken or propose to take to have a well-equipped tuberculosis hospital amidst hygienic surroundings?

*A.*—There is no proposal at present before Government for the construction of a Tuberculosis Hospital.

Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar:—"Is it not a fact that there is a Tuberculosis Hospital in Bellary, and is there any proposal before Government in order to see that it is made more up to date for the benefit of the people?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"Notice, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—"The Hon. Minister says in his answer that 'there is no proposal at present before the Government for the construction of a Tuberculosis Hospital.' I take it that it refers to the hospital once proposed to be constructed in Madras. Now that the proposal to construct one on the Spur Tank was given up, is there any other proposal before Government?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"There is no other proposal. There is a proposal however to take up the Tambaram Sanatorium."